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1. Efforts to force the separation of the Philippine Constabulary (PC) from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP),¹ which are being led by House Speaker Eugenio Perez, have gained the support of the chairmen of three important House committees, including Villareal of Military Defense, Arnaldo of Appropriations, and Allas of Ways and Means.
2. The persons who are supporting this move have attempted to gain additional support for their efforts by spreading anti-military feeling. This has included efforts to cast doubt on the effectiveness of anti-HMB operations; suggestions that ranking military leaders are diverting prize money for captured HMB leaders to their own use; and implications in public statements that military leaders are guilty of inordinate ambition and of bungling. As a result, both the Military Defense Committee and the Ways and Means Committee have threatened to conduct investigations, possibly leading to curtailment of military appropriations for 1952.
3. In its efforts to force AFP leaders to agree to the separation of the PC, this group led by Perez also is seriously affecting the morale of members of the military forces, thus making the AFP less effective in its campaign against the HMB. Members of the group also have made the claim that the AFP, which is supported by the U. S., is prepared to attempt a military coup d'etat in the Philippines.
4. As a result of these misleading claims against the AFP and its leaders which have been made by members of the Perez group, Defense Secretary Ramon Mag-saysay has been obliged to make frequent speeches denying various allegations that he has political aspirations. The statements by members of the group that none of their efforts are aimed at Mag-saysay are believed to be untrue.

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1. [REDACTED] certain unidentified Liberal Party leaders are developing a plan to counter the power of Defense Secretary Ramon Magsaysay by separating the Philippine Constabulary from the Army and placing it under the Department of the Interior, and by appointing Jose Avelino as Interior Secretary. These moves apparently were scheduled for completion during December 1951, according to this report.

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It also was reported during December 1951 that Speaker Perez had announced that he would initiate action returning the PC to the Department of the Interior when Congress reconvened, explaining that it was not sound to consolidate the Police and national security agencies. The announcement drew widespread opposition from the press, as well as indications that AFP leaders would strongly oppose such a change.

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